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Docket No.: 57454-224

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Hideto HIDAKA

Serial No.: 09/982,936

Filed: October 22, 2001



: Customer Number: 20277

: Confirmation Number: 8227

: Group Art Unit: 2818

: Examiner: D. Lam

For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE HAVING A MAGNETIC TUNNEL JUNCTION

**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An RCE with Preliminary Amendment was filed in the referenced application on September 26, 2003. Since more than six months have elapsed since that date, and no response to said RCE with Preliminary Amendment has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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